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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Separation, and Quantitative Measure
of Nucleic Acid Fragments

GROUP ART UNIT: 1637

EXAMINER: CHUNDURU, Suryapraba

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 27, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 27, 2004. A two-month extension to June 27, 2004 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicant's credit card in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

Respectfully submitted,

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